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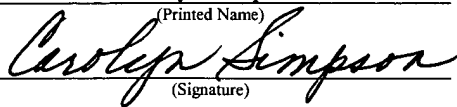
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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

DATES

The documents listed on the SB/08 form that refer to this document for information about the date should be assumed to be prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). However, Applicants reserve the right to show that any such reference or portion of such reference is not a 102(b) reference should such a reference be relied upon to reject any of the claims.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

An English abstract for WO 00/69662 states: "The invention relates to a method for the automatic operation of a tire inflation device for motor vehicles. The inventive method is characterized in that the tire pressure is automatically checked when the motor vehicle is started. At the same time, the type of operation, either off-road operation or on-road operation, is detected. According to the inventive method, in the on-road operation of the motor vehicle, the speed of all four wheels is measured and it is made sure whether or not there is an inadmissible difference in wheel speed. If the wheel speeds do not differ, the theoretical tire pressure is determined. If the actual tire pressure differs from the theoretical pressure, the inflation or deflation valves of the tires are actuated until the theoretical value is achieved, thereby adjusting the theoretical value. If the wheel speeds differ, as for example, during the operational state of the off-road mode, the vehicle speed is measured and is compared with a threshold value."

An English abstract for se 507 046 states: "An electronic bus system comprises a bus wire (BW) with at least two signal transmission wires (W1, W2) and a left and a right end, which are each defined by a terminating resistor connecting the signal transmission wires to each other. A plurality of electronic control units (ECU-ECUn) are between the two ends of the bus wire

(BW) connected to the signal transmission wires (W1, W2) and are adapted, via these, to transmit and receive electric signals. The bus wire (BW) is divided into a plurality of sections (S1-Sn), which are interconnected by means of connecting circuits (CC1-CCn), and forms an annular unit. Each connecting circuit (CC1-CCn) comprises relay means, by means of which each connecting circuit, coordinated with the other connecting circuits, can connect at least one terminating resistor integrated therein, in order to define the left and/or right end of the bus wire (BW).”

An English abstract for WO 97/02965 states: “As a modification to an on-board electrical system in which consumer devices and switches are linked by a multiplex control system via switching elements to a common two-core power line, the control elements (9, 95) are coupled to the power line (1) and the consumer devices and switches are linked to the power line (1) by branch lines (5) which terminate in plugs (6). To effect electrical connection of the consumer devices and switches to the power line (1) using the branch lines (6), insulation-piercing connectors (9) are provided; each of these connectors is provided with a communication element (95), a control element (95), the switching element (96) and a current monitoring device (A).”

An English abstract for EP 0 504 913 states: “Method and device for controlling the pressure in tyres for agricultural vehicles. Known pressure controls permit a specific pressure to be maintained as a function of the vehicle speed or are provided with a time-controlled pressure control. In order to obtain a pressure control which optimises the tyre pressure to the conditions of use including the travel safety, pulling force and service life of the tyres, the control according to the invention provides an electronic control 5 with which different status variables of the vehicle are detected via measurement value signal generators. The tyre pressure control presented takes into account different parameters with which the degree of loading of the vehicle can be influenced, and correspondingly matches the tyre pressure thereto.”

An English abstract for EP 0 266 704 states: “In an electronic system for motor vehicles various control instruments are connected to one another via a serial interface and have separate

memories for variable, vehicle-specific data which are written into the memory in a processing operation common to the control instruments before the vehicle goes into service.”

An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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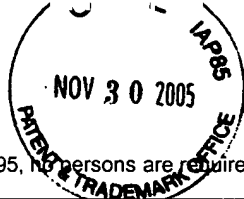
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